



## Congressional District #1

**Endangered Species:** Roseate Tern  
Sandplain Gerardia

**Threatened Species:** Piping Plover  
Seabeach Amaranth

**Recovery Update:** Roseate terns are declining along the Atlantic Coast due to loss of island nesting habitat and predation. Black-backed gulls and herring gulls have driven roseate terns from some preferred nesting sites, and erosion has taken its toll on others. Alternative nesting sites render adults and their eggs and young more vulnerable to predation. Recovery efforts have focused on creating alternative nesting sites and protecting existing sites from disturbance.

Seabeach amaranth has declined due to loss of barrier beach sites that once harbored seedbanks. Its recovery depends on protecting plants to allow for seed production and dispersal to habitat suitable for natural reproduction.

Sandplain gerardia has declined due to increased development and degradation of the sandplain habitat it requires.

The piping plover has declined from loss of beach habitat due to development and increased recreational use. Its recovery depends upon protecting nesting populations from human intrusion and preserving existing habitat.